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Timely Tidbits ...

Voter Registration Deadline: October 9

Romulus residents who are not yet registered to vote, but would like to take part in the November 7 presidential election, must register by Monday, October 9, in order to be eligible. Registrations will be accepted at the office of Linda Choate, Romulus City Clerk (11111 South Wayne Road, at Goddard), or at any branch office of the Secretary of State.

Parade, Festival To Air on Local Cable

The City of Romulus will air videotape of the Parade of Lights and the Pumpkin Festival on local cable channel 18 later this month. Watch for the Parade of Lights on Wednesday, October 11, at 7 p.m., and the Festival on Wednesday, October 25, at 7 p.m.

Bake/Rummage Sale

Whispering Willows apartments (located at 11100 Wayne Road, across from City Hall) invites the public to attend its annual bake and rummage sale, to be held *inside the building* on Friday, October 6, and Saturday, October 7. The sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

RHS Alumni Invited To Baseball Game

Romulus High School's baseball team will sponsor the sixth annual Alumni Baseball Game (for graduates of all ages) at Charley Lau Field (behind the High School) on Wednesday, October 11. The Home Run Derby will begin at 6:30 p.m.; the game (odd years vs. even years) at 7 p.m.

A \$20-per-person game fee includes a game shirt, pizza, and pop; participation in the Home Run Derby is extra (\$5 for five swings from the pitcher's mound).

For registration information, contact the Romulus High School athletic office (734-941-2170, ext. 191) or call RHS Head Baseball Coach Keith Brothers at the Recreation Center (734-942-6852).

Football Complex Ready for Homecoming



The new football stadium at Romulus Middle School awaits eager Homecoming fans.

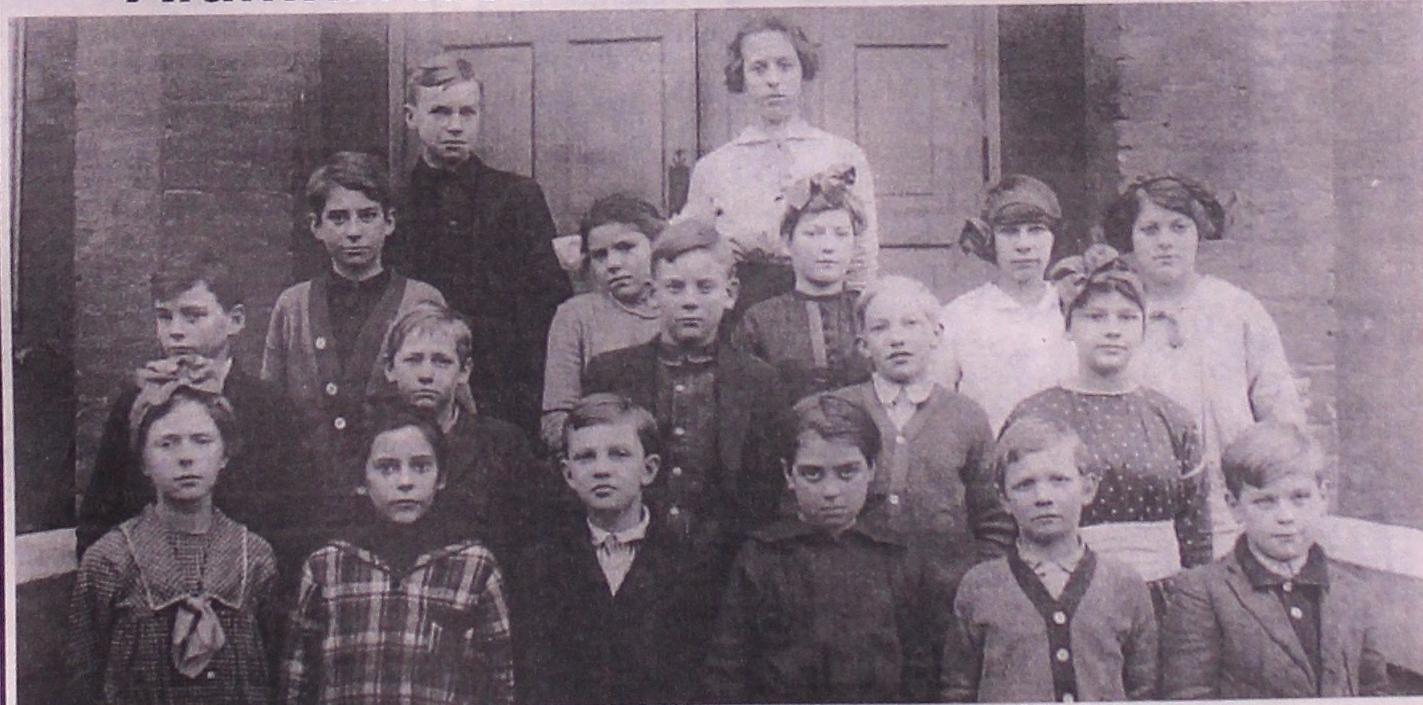
Joel Carr, Superintendent of the Romulus Community Schools, encourages local residents to attend the High School's annual Homecoming Game, to be held at the Middle School on Friday, October 6, beginning at 7 p.m.

"This is the perfect opportunity for everyone to see the many improvements we've made to the Middle School athletic complex," he said. "The bleachers, the press box, and the concession stand with its adjoining locker rooms

have all been completed, and the track around the field has been refurbished.

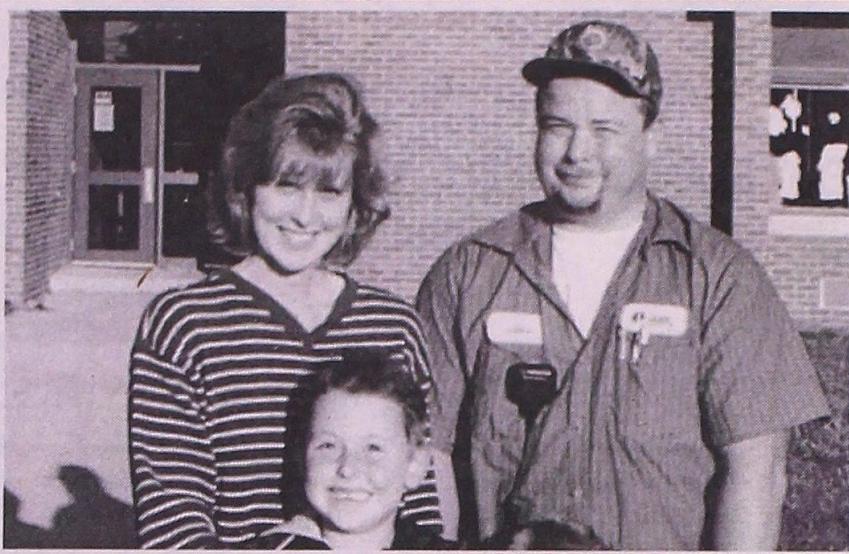
"The entire community will be very proud of this outstanding facility," Carr added. "It shows what we can do when we all work together." □

Alumni Association Seeks Photo ID

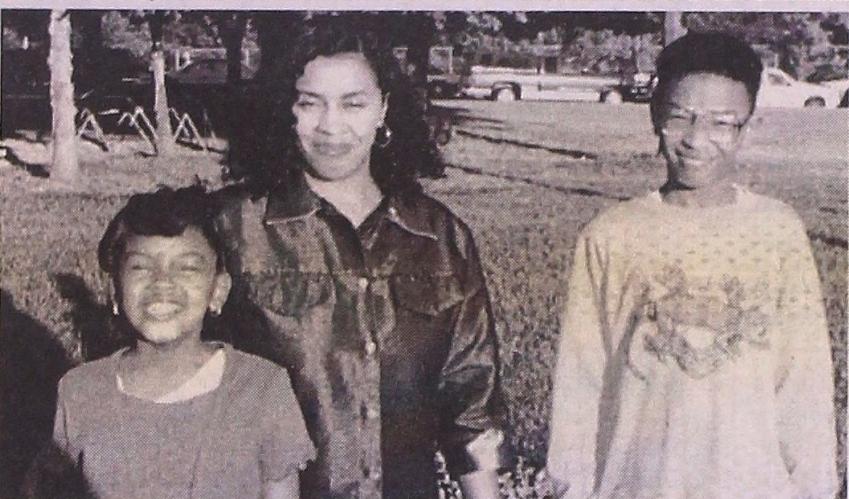


The Romulus High School Alumni Association is trying to identify the people in the above photo, labeled "Romulus Public Schools, December 1914." Anyone with information is asked to call Donald Morris, Alumni Association co-chairman, at 734-941-1600, ext. 228, or to e-mail him at morris@romulus.k12.mi.us.

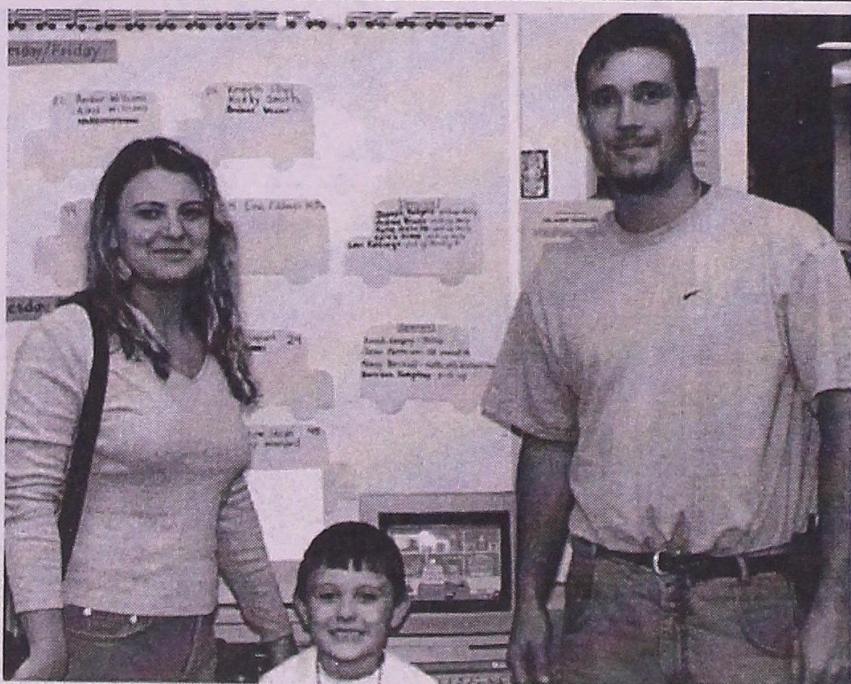
Open House



Zachary Williams, a student at Cory Elementary, brought parents Glenn and Cindi Hensley to his school's Open House program, held September 26.



Tonya Carter (center), a paraprofessional at Wick Elementary, attended the school's Open House with daughter Tina (fourth grade, Wick) and son Ronald (seventh grade, Middle School) – both of whom are honor-roll students.



Steven Honeycutt, Jr. – a kindergartner at Wick – brought parents Sonya and Steven Honeycutt to Open House.



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Elementary Students Enjoy Hands-on Experience with Exotic Animals During "Rain Forest" Program

For one verdant afternoon, elementary-age students in the Romulus Community Schools got to experience a true taste of the exotic.

On September 26, Michael Kohlrieser of Understanding Wildlife, Inc., brought part of his tropical menagerie to each of the district's five elementaries – Barth, Cory, Halecreek, Merriman, and Wick – to teach youngsters about the rain forest and its inhabitants. The school-day presentations were followed by a pair of much-more-elaborate stage shows that were open to the public.

"Understanding Wildlife is a non-profit organization with a goal of getting our conservation message out to as many people as we can," said Kohlrieser. "Our 'Live on Stage . . . the Rain Forest' program has proven to be particularly effective in teaching and entertaining children. The show consists of a beautiful jungle setting with special effects

that turn any stage or gym into a lush rain forest, plus a host of live animals such as alligators, snakes, jungle cats, monkeys, and birds."

The performances were an enormous success.

"The kids really enjoyed the daytime shows, which featured a 15-foot python named Molly and a colorful macaw named Kelly," said Romulus Middle School secretary Lynn Webb, who organized the event. "And those who attended the evening performances were thrilled by the opportunity to handle some of the exotic animals and have their pictures taken with them."

According to Webb, Kohlrieser made his school-day presentations at no charge to the district. In return, he was allowed to use the auditorium facilities at Romulus High School, where he staged his moderately priced shows for the public. □



A few of the braver students were given an opportunity to hold "Molly," Kohlrieser's 15-foot python, at the evening performances.

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Kohlrieser's program was both educational and entertaining, as he shared fascinating tidbits of information about the rain-forest habitat and its exotic tenants.

**Romulus High School's Jazz Band
Performs at Detroit Jazz Festival**



The Romulus High School Jazz Band – under the direction of the district's Music Department Head, Henry James – performed an hour-long program for a knowledgeable and appreciative audience at the annual Ford-Detroit Jazz Festival on Friday, September 1, 2000. Although the well-respected group has performed at the festival in years past, James says that it is always an honor to be invited to this prestigious international event.

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District Secretaries Embrace *Fish!* Philosophy

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If so, you need to join a growing number of Romulus Community Schools employees who are learning to "Catch the Spirit!"

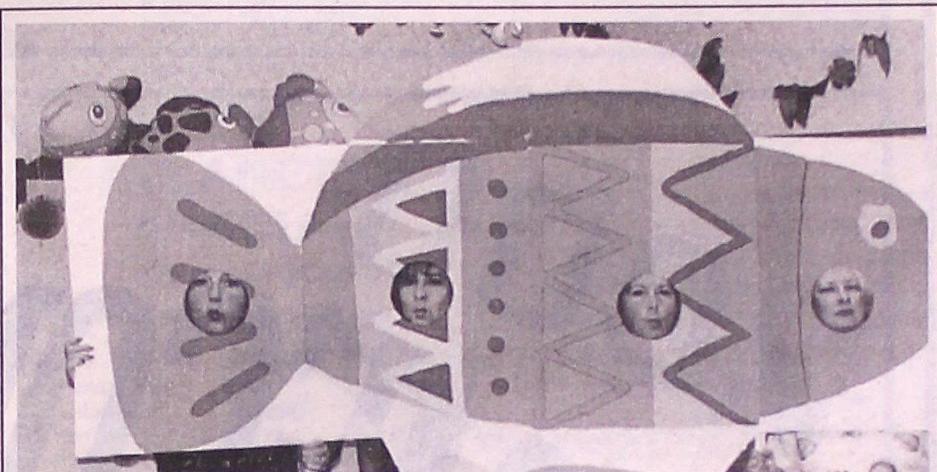
"Last month, the district's secretaries took part in a motivational in-service program based on the 'Famous Fish Philosophy,'" said Carole Bales, executive secretary to the Superintendent and primary organizer of the presentation. "The program originated in Seattle, Washington, at a local fish market called Pike Place Fish."

"Years ago," she continued, "the market's employees were a typically dreary bunch who allowed the unpleasant aspects of their job – smelly fish, cold freezers, and long hours performing monotonous tasks – to influence their attitudes in a negative way. Today, the market is a place that's so full of excitement and positive energy that crowds of passersby often stop to watch the workers in action."

How did such a remarkable transformation take place? According to Bales, the adoption of a simple four-part philosophy was the key.

- Choose your attitude. (Accept full responsibility for all of your choices, even your attitude at work. There is always a choice about the way you do your work, even if there is not a choice about the work itself.)
- Play. (Fun is energizing and leads to creativity. Happy people treat others well, and time passes quickly in a cheerful atmosphere. Work becomes a reward in itself, and not just a way to gain other rewards.)
- Make Someone's Day. (Treating customers well will give you the satisfaction that comes to those who serve others. Focusing your attention on ways to make another person's day, instead of dwelling on your own problems, provides a constant flow of positive feedback.)
- Be Present. (Give your work, your customers, and your co-workers your full attention. When you are truly "present," you show consideration for the other person.)

"One of the tools that we used at our in-service program was a video about the Pike Place Fish philosophy," said Bales. "It was amazing to witness the atmosphere that the market workers created. One – shouting 'One salmon flying away to Minnesota!' – would throw an enormous fish to another, who would make a spectacular, one-handed grab to the applause of all the onlookers. Another would salute all the 'suits' in the lunchtime crowd – calling 'Hello, yogurt dudes!' – and they would promptly re-



Colorfully kooky fish decorations put everyone in a lighthearted mood, setting the stage for an enjoyable learning experience. From left: Carole Bales, Connie Knight, Robin Omey, and Louise Briody.

turn his salute by raising their yogurt cups into the air. Still others would be juggling crabs, teasing a child by moving a fish's mouth and making it appear to talk, or just generally singing and dancing . . . and yet all were totally focused on their jobs, and gave their customers their undivided attention."

Bales was so excited about putting the *Fish!* philosophy into practice that she and the other in-service planners used the four guiding principles to organize their presentation.

"We really went all out!" she said. "We began with lots of colorful, playful decorations to set the mood, and focused on 'little touches' that showed everyone our commitment to the program and to each other. Before long,

the energy just snowballed, and everyone's creative juices were flowing!"

Bales said that the secretaries' in-service was so successful that the program will be continued with other employee groups throughout the year.

"It made sense to begin with the secretaries," she explained. "We are usually the first individuals that face members of the public when they enter the building, and we are also usually the first people seen by staff members and students as they come in to begin their work."

"By adopting the *Fish!* philosophy, we hope that we can help all of these people have a more pleasant, productive day – and help ourselves do the same along the way!" □

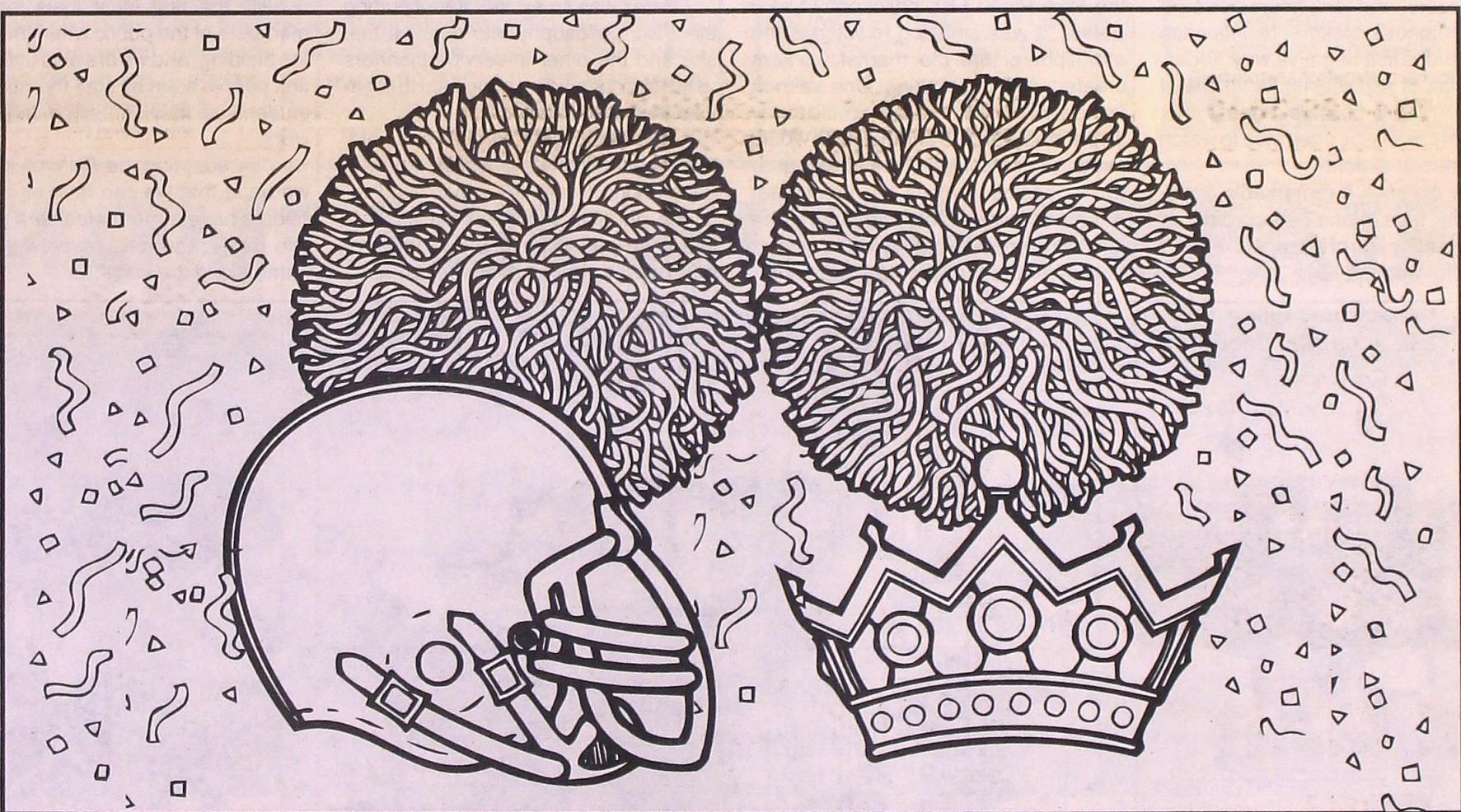


Romulus Community Schools secretaries taking part in the fabulous *Fish!* motivational program were (from left): front row – Lorraine Wilkerson, Jody Stockdale, Louise Briody, Connie Knight, Agnes Myers, Dawn Bonam, Lanis Applebee, Sheila Morgan, and Robin Omey; middle row – Lynn Webb, Betty Cantrell, Bonnie Bossidis, Joyce Evans, Alice Kesner, Barbara Fortune, Lorraine Demeter, Lisa Nastal, Anna Bossidis, and Ellen Bragg; back row – Linda Youtsey, Cindy Bennett, Joyce Schultz, Chris Harris, Nancy Schonscheck, Becky Weimer, Robin Frazier, Doris Baker, Midge Hamel, Lynn Cadden, Eleanor Wilmott, Lynn Moore, Carole Bales, Paula Smith, and Rose Nettle.

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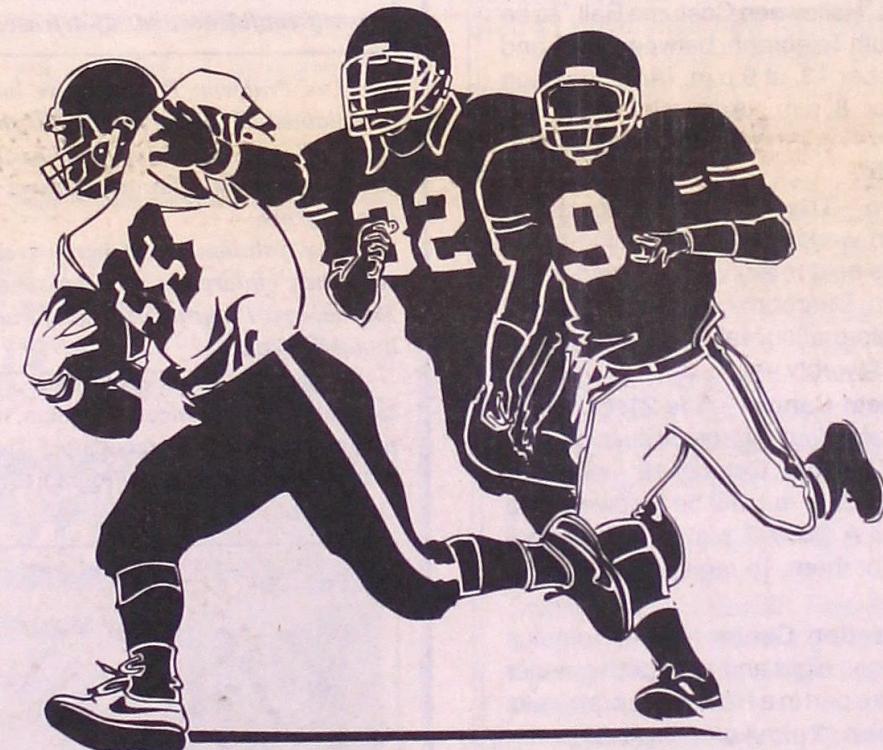
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Community Calendar

- Baking Contest Concludes Special Events at the Belleville Farmer's Market** – A contest to determine the best baking recipe using pumpkin will add a little spice to the City of Belleville's weekly Farmer's Market on October 21. Open at 8 a.m. each Saturday through October 28, the market is located in the Fourth Street parking lot behind the Museum at 405 Main Street. Vendors are invited to bring their fresh produce and food items, as well as homemade baked goods and other homemade food products to sell. For more information, call 734-697-9323.
- Storytime at the Library** – "Zoo Animal Fun" is the theme of the Library's Fall Storytime Program for children ages three to five who are ready for independent listening, but are not yet in kindergarten. Parents can choose between Tuesday evening (7 p.m.) or Thursday morning (10:30 a.m.) sessions, which begin the week of October 10/12 and conclude the week of November 14/16. Each will feature an entertaining medley of stories, games, and crafts. Although this is a free program, preregistration is required, as space is limited. For more information, call 734-942-7589.
- The Mayor's Chair** – The next edition of the monthly *Mayor's Chair* program will air on cable channel 12 beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 11. Special guests will be John Hypnar, Wayne County's project manager for the West Peripheral Road, as well as 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley, who will update the community about the home-chores program. Anyone who would like to be present when the program is taped must be seated in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road, at Goddard) by 6:15 p.m. Beginning at 6 p.m., home viewers can ask questions of the Mayor and his guests by calling 734-942-7571.
- PWP Hosts Costume Ball for Halloween** – Downriver Chapter #369 of Parents Without Partners invites you to its "Halloween Costume Ball," to be held at the Taylor Moose Lodge (9981 South Telegraph, between Wick and Goddard roads in Taylor) on Friday, October 13, at 9 p.m. (An orientation for prospective members is planned for 8 p.m.) Admission is \$5 for members; \$7 for nonmembers. Cash bar. For information, contact Membership VP George Graff at 313-388-8488.
- Meeting Targets Nursing-home Reform** – The Michigan Campaign for Quality Care, a nonpartisan organization working toward nursing-home reform, invites the public to take part in its next meeting, to be held at the Berwyn Senior Center (26155 Richardson, Dearborn Heights) from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17. For more information, call 313-386-7784, or visit the organization's Website: pamoga@webtv.net.
- Dinner/Discussion Puts Focus on Breast Cancer** – The 21st Century Learning Center's next "Health, Family, and You" dinner/discussion program – to be held at Wick Elementary on Thursday, October 19 – will focus on breast-cancer awareness. Dinner (6–6:20 p.m.) will be followed by a guest speaker (6:20–6:50 p.m.) and Q & A (6:50–7 p.m.). Children will attend a related presentation especially for them. To register for this free program, call 734-722-1050, ext. 273.
- Halloween Craft Classes at the Recreation Center** – The Romulus Recreation Department invites children ages eight and over (those under 11 must be accompanied by an adult) to take part in a Halloween craft class on Saturday, October 21, to make a pumpkin (1 p.m.) or a hat (1:30 p.m.). Cost is \$5 per item. Preregistration required. Call 734-942-6852.
- "Seasonal Craft Saturdays" at the Library** – The Romulus Public Library invites children in grades one through five to take part in one-day, seasonal craft classes to be held on the following Saturdays beginning at 10:30 a.m.: October 21, November 18, and December 2. Although the classes are free, preregistration is required, since space is limited and materials must be planned for. For more information, contact the Library at 734-942-7589.
- Cookbook Sale Benefits Historical Society** – Copies of the Romulus Historical Society's new cookbook, packed with favorite classic recipes, are still available for only \$5 each. Sales of the cookbook will help support the Society's goal of restoring and preserving Romulus history. To purchase your copy, stop in at the Historical Museum (near the Post Office on Hunt Street) any Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m., or call 734-697-9628.

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One of the biggest conveniences of the AMP is the fact that transportation is provided from the academic school to the martial-arts school, all for about the same cost as a day-care program. Parents can pick up their children at the martial-arts school after work, knowing that their children are safe.

The AMP represents a departure from traditional day care. Not just an organized baby-sitting service, AMP is a specific skill program that supplements a child's education with self-improvement lessons and activities. Children who participate in the program gain a distinct advantage over their friends who do not.

For more information on the program and how it works, you can call America's Best Self-Defense (Hapkido) at 734-692-3960, or visit the company's Website: www.ushapki.com.



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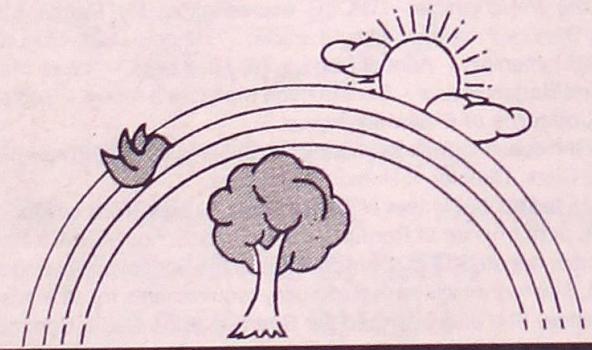
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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, please call 734-942-6852.)

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of October: Priscilla Carter, Margaret Jeter, Deann Maupin, Margaret Meldrum, Ruth Pierson, Geraldine Smith, June Tracy, Medodean Weaver, and Geraldine Westbay.

Bake/Rummage Sale

Whispering Willows apartments (located at 11100 Wayne Road, across from City Hall) invites the public to attend its annual bake and rummage sale, to be held *inside the building* from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, October 6, and Saturday, October 7.

Club #1 Welcomes New Members

The local senior-citizens group known as Club #1 welcomes new faces at its regular meetings, which are held at the Center each Tuesday at 11 a.m. unless otherwise noted. This month's agenda includes a trip to Apple Charlie's with "lunch out" (October 10, 10 a.m.); a regular meeting with "lunch in" (October 17), and a trip to a country store and bake sale with "bag lunch" (October 24). **Holiday Craft Classes**

The Center invites seniors to sign up for the following holiday craft classes:

- Ghost (1 p.m. Saturday, October 14; \$2.50),
- "Scarecrow Face" Straw Hat (1 p.m. Saturday, October 21; \$5),
- Styrofoam Pumpkin/Silk Flowers (1 p.m. Saturday, October 21; \$5), and
- Holiday Pie (1 p.m. Saturday, November 4; \$6).

Luncheon Has Halloween Theme

The Senior Center's next monthly luncheon—set for Friday, October 27, at 1 p.m.—will feature a costume contest for those who would like to participate. (Costumes are optional, but frighteningly fun!) Prizes will be awarded for:

- the funniest costume,
- the most colorful costume, and
- the costume that took the most time and thought to put together.

The menu will feature stuffed cabbage, baked chicken, mashed potatoes, and dessert.

Tickets (\$5.50 per person) must be purchased by October 23.

Lunch Out

Ride the senior van to the Thomas Edison Inn for this month's "Lunch Out" program, set for Friday, October 20, at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$1.50 for transportation plus the price of your meal. Sign up at the Center.

Caribbean Cruise Travel Show

The Center will host a "Caribbean Cruise" travel show at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 28, to help interested seniors plan for a seven-day trip that's now in the planning stage. Sign up at the Center.

Senior Support Group Seeks New Members

"Death, divorce, failed expectations, severe injury, major illness, loneliness, depression . . . these are experiences that hurt and bring pain," says Linda Norman, the Senior Center's Program Coordinator. "They are a part of being human; no one is immune."

That's why anyone who is facing a difficult time, needs help, or would just like to talk is urged to join one of the Center's brand-new Senior Support Groups, which held their first meetings this week. Group I will meet each Monday from 4 to 5 p.m.; Group II each Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. *Note: Dates and times are subject to change.*

There is no charge to participate.

Focus: HOPE

The Romulus Senior Center is now a distribution center for Focus: HOPE, a program which provides free food on a monthly basis to qualifying seniors. The program operates in addition to the "Meals on Wheels" and "Liquid Nutrition" programs.

To qualify for Focus: HOPE, you must:

- be a resident of the Tri-County/Western County area,
- be 60 years of age or older,
- provide proof of income, and
- have a valid Social Security card and photo ID.

Registrations for the program are currently being accepted at the Center during normal business hours. Please note that proof of income and ID must be provided at the time of registration.

Haircuts

The Senior Center's monthly haircut service has been canceled for October. The service will next be offered on November 20 at 9 a.m.

Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call at least 24 hours in advance.

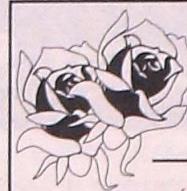
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Students Seek Fabric, Puzzles

Students in Betty Santo's "life management" classes at Romulus Middle School are currently seeking donations of scrap fabric (all types) and jigsaw puzzles for a special project.

Santo's students have also joined Romulus senior citizens to create an "intergenerational" cookbook, available for \$5 each.

For more information, call Santo at 734-722-1050, ext. 244.



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REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 11, 2000

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, September 11, 2000, was called to order by President Michael Woods at 6:30 P.M.

Roll call showed member Alan Lambert absent (excused). All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Woods.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

9/00/01 Moved by Dick supported by Berlinn to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

9/00/02 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lenossi to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 28, 2000. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Kathleen Potoczek, Paraprofessional (Self-contained Classroom), Middle School, Effective September 5, 2000; Jeanne Prisco, First-grade Teacher, Merriman Elementary, Effective September 11, 2000; Lisa Staten, Paraprofessional (2½-day Position), Wick Elementary School, Effective September 11, 2000.

9/00/03 Moved by Dick supported by Lenossi to accept the employment of personnel as presented by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESIGNATIONS: Jessica Hyre, Third-grade Teacher, Halecreek Elementary School, Effective August 28, 2000; Darrel Kenyon, Science Department Head, High School, Effective August 28, 2000; Theo Wallace, Auto Lab Assistant, Effective August 28, 2000.

9/00/04 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lenossi to accept the resignation of personnel as presented by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RETIREMENTS: Margie Baird, First-grade Teacher, Merriman Elementary School, Effective September 1, 2000; Virginia Sweatt, Custodian, Middle School, Effective August 1, 2000.

9/00/05 Moved by McCraight supported by Berlinn to accept the retirement of personnel as presented by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Recognition of Retirees

9/00/06 Moved by Webb supported by Berlinn to approve the resolution in recognition of service to the Romulus Community Schools to Carol Abbley. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

9/00/07 Moved by Webb supported by Lenossi to approve the resolution in recognition of service to the Romulus Community Schools to Theretha Allen. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

9/00/08 Moved by Webb supported by Lenossi to approve the resolution in recognition of service to the Romulus Community Schools for Elaine Baluk, Cassandra Barrs, Karen Linebaugh, Jean Weiler-Reott, Nancy Talento, and Maryann Tyrchniewicz. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

9/00/09 Moved by Lenossi supported by Berlinn to approve the Bills for Payment as submitted by Mr. William A. Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

North Central Accreditation Presentation - Debbie Juriga

Deborah Juriga, Principal, Wick Elementary; Gail Coleman, Teacher; and Charles Kidwell, Teacher, updated the Board of Education with regard to North Central Association accreditation, transitions, goals, credentialing (6th, 8th, and 12th grades), credentialing form, plan development, challenges and continued commitment, elementary career awareness, elementary components, middle-school career awareness, middle-school components, high-school career awareness, and high-school components. Mrs. Juriga informed the Board that all schools in Romulus are accredited. Romulus Schools will be introducing StoryBook Station to be utilized in grades K-6 at all elementary schools. StoryBook Station is a literature-based program that delivers careers as well as standards and benchmarks to students. The program contains a series of books that are geared to each grade-level. Each book provides the listener with a clever story and career based on the story. This program was obtained through a grant and will be used to enhance the current reading program in the elementary schools.

9/00/10 Moved by Webb supported by McCraight to approve the resolution in recognition of service to the Romulus Community Schools to Sheryl Stallings. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Mrs. Elam addressed the Board of Education, requesting the opportunity to tour Lorena Burton Center and visit My Friends & Me and M.D.E. She is to contact Mr. Musham, Director, relative to visitation.

Mrs. Judith Gondek addressed the Board of Education with regard to the band program.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel Carr, Superintendent of Schools, provided the Board of Education with copies of communications as follows: (1) communication sent to athletes; (2) Romulus Central Office Goals 2000; (3) communication from MASB re: certification of delegates - delegates to be Billy McCraight, Kenneth Berlinn, and Michael Woods - November 9, 2000 Conference; (4) Detroit Free Press article - WCCC accreditation; (5) Detroit News article - WCCC; (6) National Service Program highlight article; (7) Middle Cities Education Association - info; (8) Barth Elementary - Annual Report; (9) Fish! book - "Work Made Fun Gets Done!"; (10) Kingscott/Barton Malow - Construction Manager's report - September 2000.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mr. Kenneth Berlinn questioned as to whether retirees' positions had been filled. Positions filled per Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources.

Mrs. Debbie Dick asked that letters of appreciation be sent to Rose Cooper and Terry Smagner for their job performance at Romulus Community Schools. She further requested that each Board member donate \$14 to sponsor a hole at the School golf outing scheduled for September 23, 2000. She further asked that eligibility requirements for athletics be reviewed by the Policy Committee. She also informed the Board that the Cable Committee had met (Linda Cook, Eva Webb, and Debbie Dick attended), and that another meeting would be scheduled for next month.

Eva Webb asked for suggestions for the naming of the new elementary school.

Executive Session

No executive session was held.

ADJOURNMENT:

9/00/11 Moved by Lenossi supported by McCraight that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
 Eva W. Webb, Secretary
 Romulus Board of Education

Obituary

Judith Kathleen (Connelley) Lorenc

Judith Kathleen (Connelley) Lorenc of Dearborn, Michigan, died Saturday, September 23, 2000, at the age of 81.

The native of Skillet Fork, Missouri, was born March 2, 1919.

Surviving Judith are two sons, Michael J. (Marge) Berry (Dearborn, MI) and Garrey Owen Pike (Belle-ville, MI); one daughter, Alice Lovell (Howard) Kesner (Romulus, MI); one sister, Mildred Bosemer (Chicago, IL); and nine grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Theodore W. Lorenc, as

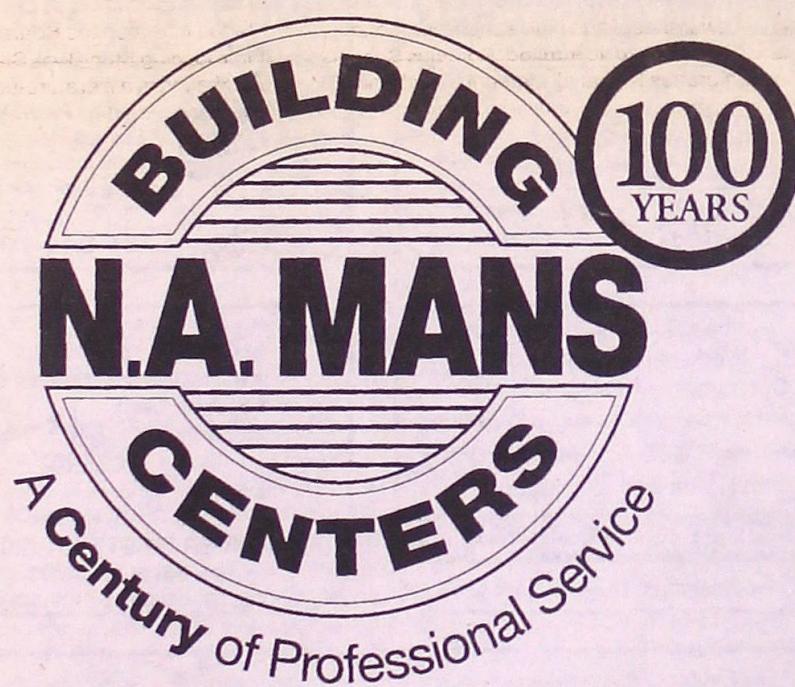
well as by three brothers and one sister.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, September 27, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Mark Raitz (Arbor Hospice) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Those who would like to make memorial tributes in Judith's name may do so to either the Easter Seals or the Goodfellow organization. □

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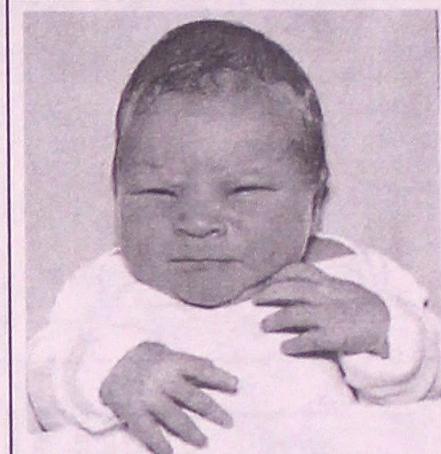
Thomas Montie Bavol II

Proudly announcing the birth of their new son, Thomas Montie Bavol II, are Thomas and Michelle Bavol of Romulus, Michigan.

Thomas was born in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center (Wayne, MI) at 5:27 p.m. on Sunday, August 13, 2000, weighing in at 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and measuring 21 inches in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival were big sisters Heather and Haleigh Bavol.

Also welcoming Thomas into the family were his paternal grandparents, Jerry and Joan Swierzb (Dearborn Hts., MI), and maternal grandparents, John and Sharon Murphy (Romulus, MI).



Thomas Montie Bavol II

Brianna Madison Orlandi

Brian and Lee Orlandi of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new daughter, Brianna Madison Orlandi.

Born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 1:47 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2000, Brianna weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and measured 20 inches in length.

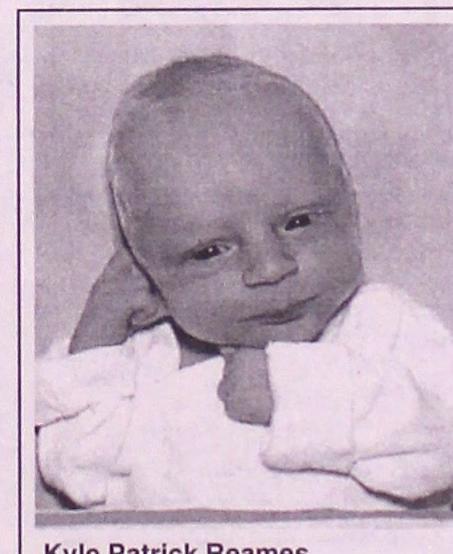
Older brothers Ryan and Justin Rooding were especially excited about the new arrival.

Also welcoming Brianna into the family were her paternal grandparents, John Drozdz (Gibraltar, MI) and Francis Orlandi (Brownstown, MI), and her maternal grandparents, Pete and Betty Raczka (Lake Orion, MI).



Brianna Madison Orlandi

Kyle Patrick Reames



Kyle Patrick Reames

Proudly announcing the birth of their new son, Kyle Patrick Reames, are Patrick and Kelli Reames of Romulus, Michigan.

Kyle was born in St. Mary's Mercy Hospital (Livonia, MI) at 10:46 p.m. on Wednesday, August 9, 2000, weighing in at 6 pounds, 1 ounce, and measuring 20 inches in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival was big brother Ryan Jacob Reames, who is 4½ years old.

Also welcoming Kyle into the family were his paternal grandparents, Marshall and Patricia Reames (Riverview, MI), and his maternal grandparents, Alice Barnyak (Lincoln Park, MI) and the late Paul Barnyak. □

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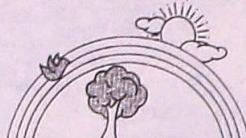
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